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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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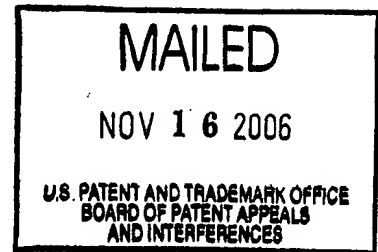
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Ex parte MOSHE ZILBERSTEIN,  
GABY MATSLIACH, AVNER RONEN,  
RONEN VENTURA, BENNY ROUSSO  
AND SHAI BUBER

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Application 09/422,387

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on November 1, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

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Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) were filed December 15, 2000 and December 5, 2003. It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered these IDS's or whether the examiner notified appellants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

On January 30, 2006, appellants filed an Appeal Brief. A review of the file reveals that the "Summary of Claimed Subject Matter" does not map the independent claim to the specification, as set forth in 37 CFR § 41.37(c)(1)(v) which states:

(v) *Summary of claimed subject matter.* A concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters. For each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately under the provisions of paragraph (c)(1)(vii) of this section, every means plus function and step plus function as permitted by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, must be identified and the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function must be set forth with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.

Proper correction of the Appeal Brief is required.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is return to the

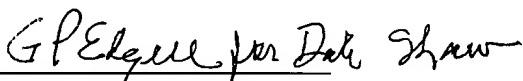
Examiner to:

1) consider the Information Disclosure Statements filed December 15, 2000 and December 5, 2003;

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- 2) provide appropriate written notification by the examiner to appellants of such consideration; and
- 3) hold the Appeal Brief filed on January 30, 2006, defective;
- 4) notify appellants to file a supplemental Appeal Brief compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37;
- 5) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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